



## Natural Tunnel State Park Duffield

"Natural Tunnel State Park offers outdoor enthusiasts a vacation to be remembered. The park has hiking and swimming, campsites and cabins. The park is the home of what is often called the "8<sup>th</sup> wonder of the world" the natural tunnel!"

**Green Statement:** "We are a conservation agency. We understand the benefits of conserving our environment for future generations.

"We work to enhance wildlife habitat. We also encourage park visitors to use the recycling bins. We offer educational programs to schools about the importance of recycling and reducing our environmental impact."

### CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Campgrounds

- ☒ **Recycling.** Virginia Green facilities must have highly-visible locations/containers that provide the opportunity for guests to recycle. This facility pledges that they:
  - Offer the opportunity for guests to recycle: plastic bottles, aluminum cans
  - The campground also recycles: cardboard, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
  - Recycling bins are located throughout the park
- ☒ **Reduce solid waste.** The facility must be actively working to reduce its solid waste generation. This facility pledges that they:
  - Track overall solid waste costs

#### Registration / Office

- Online reservations of campsites.
- Fully electronic correspondence and forms when possible
- Printed materials are on recycled content paper and 2-sided
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies

#### Shower Houses / Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Use high-efficiency hand-dryers
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper

#### Snack Bar / Camp Store (if applicable)

- Provide/sell only reclaimed firewood recovered from the park to prevent spread of disease, etc.
- Sell environmentally-friendly products
- Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste

#### Buildings and grounds

- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

☒ **Use water efficiently.** The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its water use. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs

#### Shower Houses / Restrooms

- Have installed low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
- Have installed low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)

#### Snack Bar / Camp Store (if applicable)

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have an effective landscape management plan that utilizes native species
- Have installed rain barrels
- Have installed drip line irrigation
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers

☒ **Conserve energy.** The facility must have a plan in place and have taken steps toward reducing its energy use. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills

#### Heating and cooling

- Have installed ceiling fans
- Have installed ENERGY STAR-rated windows and doors
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed a high efficiency HVAC system

#### Lighting

- Optimized use of natural lighting
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T-5 and T-8)
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting

#### Appliances and electronic devices

- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)

☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a "green" or "environmentally-friendly" package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

- Promote the availability of "green meetings/conferences" in marketing packages
- Recycling bins are provided for the visitors at all events held in the park

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For more information on Natural Tunnel State Park, see [http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state\\_parks/nat.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/nat.shtml) or contact Robert Chapman at [Robert.Chapman@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:Robert.Chapman@dcr.virginia.gov) or 276-940-2674.

**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green Attractions** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This attraction has met the established "core activities" for **Green Attractions** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see [www.viriniagreentravel.org](http://www.viriniagreentravel.org) or <http://staging.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx>.



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